



Refugee Council
of Australia



NATIONAL SETTLEMENT POLICY TELECONFERENCE

Thursday 7 April 2011

2.00-3.15pm ACT, NSW, Queensland, Tasmania, Victoria

1.30-2.45pm SA, NT

12.00pm-1.15pm WA

The [Refugee Council of Australia \(RCOA\)](#) and [Settlement Council of Australia \(SCOA\)](#) invite you to the latest National Settlement Policy Network Teleconference. The National Settlement Policy Network will provide an opportunity for RCOA and SCOA members to participate in planning joint advocacy on settlement issues.

This topic for this teleconference will focus on:

**Life after immigration detention:
Exploring the settlement experiences and challenges
faced by ex-detainees**

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Presentations and discussion on the settlement experiences of ex-detainees

Australia's policy of detaining asylum seekers who arrive without prior authorisation has meant that an increasing number of people granted protection visas have, or will have, spent a significant amount of time in immigration detention. Recent changes to the eligibility criteria for settlement services has also permitted refugees granted protection onshore to have access to IHSS/HSS where they previously were ineligible. Presentations and discussion will focus on:

- An overview of trends in the numbers and resettlement of ex-detainees
- Services and supports for ex-detainees who are granted protection visas
- The settlement experiences of ex-detainees – what are services and communities seeing?
- Issues and concerns with regards to the settlement challenges faced by ex-detainees
- Recommendations for improving the settlement experiences of former detainees.

Speakers include: Sarah Moya, Acting Regional Manager, AMES Settlement (Victoria); Vicky Fisher, Case Manager, AMES Settlement (Victoria); Tracy Worrall, Director, QPASTT (Queensland); Abbas Hazara, Youth Leader, Australian Hazara Council (Victoria).

3. Next steps

Participants are encouraged to join in a discussion of what steps could be taken to address identified issues and concerns.

4. SCOA and RCOA update

BEFORE THE TELECONFERENCE

For more information about the National Settlement Policy Network and links to related research on detention that will inform our discussion, please visit: <http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/current/spn.html>.

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Please note that the **National Settlement Policy Teleconference** is organised by the Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA) and the Settlement Council of Australia (SCOA) to enable **our members** (organisational and individual) to participate in planning joint advocacy on settlement issues.

To minimise costs, the RCOA and SCOA would very much appreciate it if you could please attend a dial-in hub in your nearest capital city.

Location	Hub
Adelaide	ARA (304 Henley Beach Rd, Underdale) MRCSA (59 King William St, Adelaide)
Brisbane	Multicultural Development Association (28 Dibley St, Woolloongabba)
Canberra	---
Darwin	Melaleuca Refugee Centre (Shop 33, Rapid Creek Business Village, 78 Trower Road Millner)
Hobart	MRC South (49 Molle St, Hobart)
Melbourne	RCOA (Board room, Level 5, 255 William Street, Melbourne)
Perth	ASeTTS (286 Beaufort St, Perth)
Sydney	RCOA (Suite 4A6, 410 Elizabeth St, Surry Hills)

INFORMATION FOR NON-MEMBERS OF RCOA/SCOA

Any non-member who wishes to dial in should contact either the RCOA national office on (02) 9211 9333 or SCOA on (02) 8065 5225 prior to the teleconference to make arrangements to reimburse RCOA/SCOA for the cost of their participation in the teleconference.

To check if your organisation is a current member of RCOA, see the list of organisational members on the RCOA website: www.refugeecouncil.org.au/resources/links.html

To check if your organisation is a current member of SCOA, see the list of organisational members on the SCOA website: www.scoa.org.au/contacts.htm